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Mr. Darrell Sommerlatt  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Species List Request for Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Island of Oahu

Dear Mr. Sommerlatt:

Thank you for your letter dated March 25, 2008, received April 1, 2008, requesting information regarding threatened and endangered species and designated critical habitat that may occur within the proposed project location. The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services (DTS), in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have proposed to construct a public transit system with associated infrastructure through a 23-mile travel corridor between Kapolei and the University of Hawaii at Manoa which may include an extension to Waikiki.

We have reviewed the information you provided and pertinent information in our files, including data compiled by the Hawaii Biodiversity and Mapping Program. The federally endangered Kooloaula (*Abutilon menziesii*), Hawaiian hoary bat (*Lasurus cinereus semotus*), Hawaiian moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis*), Hawaiian coot (*Fulica alai*), Hawaiian stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*) and Hawaiian Duck (*Anas wyvilliana*) have been observed in the vicinity of the proposed transit corridor. No federally proposed or designated critical habitats occur within the proposed project area.

The proposed activities of the transit corridor are occupied by a population of *Abutilon menziesii*. The State of Hawaii Habitat Conservation Plan for *A. menziesii* at Kapolei of March 2004, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Biological Opinion issued by our office on August 5, 2004 (1-2-2004-F-123), outlines conservation measures for *A. menziesii*. The development of the property has been taken into account in the Service's Biological Opinion. However, the DTS or the FTA will have to obtain the Certificate of Inclusion from Hawaii Department of Transportation. The DTS (and any subsequent landowners who agree to accept transfer of the Certificate of Inclusion) must agree to and implement the terms of the plan.

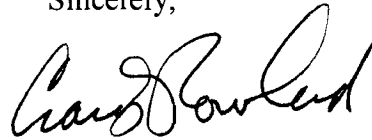


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We appreciate your efforts to conserve endangered species. If you have questions, please contact Aaron Nadig, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Consultation and Technical Assistance Program (phone: 808-792-9466; fax: 808-792-9581).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Leonard".Handwritten initials "SL" in black ink.

Patrick Leonard  
Field Supervisor

cc:

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